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Agriculture

Production of tobacco leaf of good quality and flavour.

*263 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has received any report from the Director of Agriculture regarding production of tobacco leaf of "better quality, milder flavour and finer texture"; and

(b) if he has received such a report, whether he is prepared to place it on the table of this House?

A.—(a) & (b) A report from the Director of Agriculture is placed on the table of the House.[a]

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"In view of the reply given in the appendix, may I know whether the hon. the Minister will cause the bulletin, when published, to be sent to us?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"It all depends upon the value and size of the report. If it is a small report it will be circulated."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I ask whether it will be sent to the Member who has asked the question?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"Yes; for perusal and return."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA:—"May I know whether the Government will carry on experiments here separately because conditions in this country are different from those in Europe?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"Yes, Sir."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU:—"May I enquire whether the department has made any provision to find markets for tobacco so that ryots may sell them there directly instead of through foreigners?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"Not yet, Sir."

Indianization of services recommended by the Linlithgow Commission.

*264 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state how far the Indianization of services as recommended by the Linlithgow Commission has been carried on in 1928-29 and in 1929 up to date and is contemplated to be carried on in 1929-30?

A.—The hon. Member presumably refers to the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Agriculture in regard to the provincialization of the Agricultural Service. If so, the matter is under the consideration of Government. Vacancies, whether permanent or temporary, in the Indian Agricultural Service have so far been

[a] Printed as Appendix IX on pages 579-580 infra.

filled by the creation of temporary posts in the Madras Agricultural Service. Such posts have been created in respect of the following vacancies :—

Four Deputy Directors of Agriculture.

Government Systematic Botanist.

Government Entomologist.

Government Agricultural Chemist.

Government Lecturing Chemist.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the answer that the matter is under consideration, may I know when the Government expect to be in a position to pass orders in this matter ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Orders on some of the points have already been issued. Some other points are under consideration."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask when the Government propose to pass orders on the remaining points ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" As soon as report is received from the Director."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the posts mentioned at the end of the paragraph, may I know how many of them have been filled up by Europeans and how many by Indians ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" All of them are Indians, I believe."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know the reason why these new appointments made in places vacated by men in the Indian Agricultural Service are made on a temporary basis ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" The question of reorganizing the whole department is under consideration. Therefore all these appointments have been made temporarily."

Fisheries

Contract supply of salt to fish curers.

* 265 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered the question of giving on contract the supply of salt for the curers ; and

(b) if so, whether they have taken any steps in that direction ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Almost the entire quantity of salt required for fish-curing yards on the West Coast was supplied only through a system of contract till recently. The question of the most efficient and economical method of transporting salt will receive consideration in connexion with the examination of the recommendations of the Fisheries Committee.